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FYI....This is extremely unfortunate and a needless distraction.

## **Why won't you work with Water Defense?**

If Water Defense ever retracted their false scientific statements that harmed the Flint recovery effort, and if they stopped needlessly scaring people into thinking that there were unusual dangers lurking in present day Flint water when the data does not support that position—we would work with Water Defense.

However, it seems Water Defense is dedicated to spreading misinformation and collecting misleading samples from: 1) inside water meters, 2) from sediment clean out ports at the bottom of water heaters, and 3) from anywhere they can toss or stuff their “Waterbug” sponges (data from which is not comparable to any standard or other measurement approach). Hence, we are prepared for the likelihood they will never retract their false statements.

We also remind residents, that Water Defense personnel have a business model, that will profit from whole house and filters, to correct problems they find through their non-standard sampling techniques. This strikes us as a very significant conflict of interest, which has raised eyebrows and concerns of others.

Full link to Edwards post is here: <http://flintwaterstudy.org>

Best Regards,

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